



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Pringle and Authority Members **Date:** September 28, 2009

From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB)

Discussion

The PCJPB and the Authority have previously entered into Memoranda of Understanding through which they have established a working relationship founded on the expectation that both Caltrain and high-speed train service would operate on Caltrain's right of way and that both would benefit from a cooperative effort with regard to a consolidated development including grade separations, positive train control and electrification, among other things. The parties have begun to implement that cooperative effort by establishing the Peninsula Rail Program.

The attached proposed amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding includes an agreement concerning the shared costs for administration of the parties' joint effort and sets forth the organizational structure of the Peninsula Rail Program. The joint program will be headed by a Peninsula Rail Program Director who will report to each party's executive director.

It is expected that the costs which each party would otherwise bear to perform the work required to design, develop and construct the Peninsula Line for both commuter and high speed rail operations will be considerably lower and will more closely reflect the requirements and expectations of the community, the riders and the operators of the system as a result of the joint effort.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Executive Director be authorized to execute an amendment to the MOU with PCJPB that is substantially the form as shown on the draft amendment 1 attached.